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Wright Brothers Collection Available on CD-ROM

Thanks to the generosity of the Wright Family, the Wright State University Libraries have begun a project to capture electronically and store on CD-ROM nearly 2,000 Wright Brothers' photographic images from the Libraries' Wright Brothers Collection. Visual Information Inc. (VII) in Denver has been retained to capture and index the collection. Representatives from VII will come to Dayton to scan the photos so that these valuable images will not have to leave the campus. When completed, VII will offer the CD-ROM for sale to interested libraries, museums, and other aviation organizations and individuals. The target completion date for the project is August 1995.

With an eye on the future, Wright family member, Wilkinson (Wick) Wright, is playing a key role in the development and funding of this CD-ROM project. "Wick has a keen understanding of the opportunities for increased access and better preservation provided by digitizing technologies, and he is a dedicated supporter of the Libraries," explains Robert Smith, Head of Special Collections and Archives. Wick assisted Robert Smith and Arnold Hirshon in the selection of VII for the project. Wick and Marion Wright are founding members of the Friends of the Libraries.

The CD-ROM technology will greatly improve access to the collection. Patrons using the collection within the Libraries will be able to search the CD-ROM by date or subject and quickly locate the image they need. This technology will also allow patrons to adjust the size and contrast, to zoom in on small objects, to lighten dark areas, or to make copies of the images. We plan to provide remote access to the collection to assist researchers outside the Libraries, and we may make the collection available on the World Wide Web. The sale of the CD-ROMs for public use will further increase access to the Wright Brothers Collection.

This project will also greatly improve preservation of the collection. The need for staff and researchers to handle the original photographs should decrease significantly as patrons view the digitized images on CD-ROM. The decrease in handling will have a positive impact on the condition and preservation of the collection. University Librarian, Arnold Hirshon adds, "The Wright Brothers were great inventors and aviation pioneers. We are sure that they would be pleased with the use of modern technology to preserve the record of their achievements, and to make these invaluable resources available to a wide audience." For more information regarding this project, please call Robert Smith, Head of Special Collections, at 873-2011.



Upper Right: Wilbur Wright at work on launching track, Pau France 1909. Lower Right: Kitty Hawk Life Saving Crew, 1900. Lower Left: Orville and Wilbur at Huffman Prairie, 1904. All photos taken from the Wright Brothers Collection.

Meeting Our Metropolitan Mission

As part of the Libraries Commitment to Excellence, we serve all members of the Wright State community, including members of the Miami Valley community. In fact, as a state university library and a founding member of OhioLINK, the University Libraries serve the state of Ohio as well. We define the "metropolitan mission" as a commitment to work for and with the regional community to improve the delivery of services for the mutual benefit of the University and the community. By this definition, we serve the business community, the general community, and students engaged in study at metropolitan elementary and secondary schools, or at other higher education institutions. In addition, the Friends of the Libraries and their programs are inclusive of and of interest to members and groups from the community.

The following are some examples that clearly demonstrate our commitment to Wright State's metropolitan mission:

- Nearly 20% of the total circulation of materials from the University Libraries is to individuals who are *not* Wright State University faculty, staff or students. We have only a nominal charge for this service, which also allows these individuals to borrow from all other OhioLINK institutions via Wright State.
- Each year we make the resources of the Libraries available to secondary school classes, and we provide library instruction sessions for area high school students.
- We cooperate in collection building and sharing with most of the area hospital libraries, and we facilitate their access to OhioLINK.
- Community members regularly use LIBNET to aid personal research in support of a formal course of study, for business, or for personal improvement.
- The Libraries have agreements with SOCHE and OhioLINK institutions to allow their students and faculty to borrow directly our materials.
- The Friends of the Libraries Book Fairs, luncheons and other programs provide activities of interest and value to the general Miami Valley community. We are building a particular bridge to the community with the second Book Fair (October 1995) through media sponsorship from the Amos Suburban Newspapers and WHIO-TV, and by holding the event at the Fairfield Commons Mall in Beavercreek. Another Friends program, *Visions of Dunbar*, is an art contest that actively seeks wide community interest from people of all ages throughout the Miami Valley.

We are proud of our ability to meet the University's metropolitan mission, and we are always open to new ways to better serve all of our constituencies.

Sincerely,
Arnold Hirshon
University Librarian

Microsoft Bookshelf on LIBNET

Bookshelf, an electronic reference tool, provides rich multimedia animation, video, pictures, and sound that allows users to experience information in a way never before possible with printed reference materials. Bookshelf will be available on LIBNET by May 22nd. Reference texts incorporated into Bookshelf include: The American Heritage Dictionary, Third Edition; Roget's Thesaurus; The Concise Columbia Encyclopedia; The Columbia Dictionary of Quotations; Hammond World Atlas; The People's Chronology; and The World Almanac. All texts can be searched individually or collectively. Bookshelf is a useful resource for basic reference needs.



Check out these interesting Internet sites suggested by Scott Burright, Networked Information Specialist. If you have any questions or suggestions for future featured sites, please contact Scott at 873-2689 or via e-mail at sburright@library.wright.edu.

Academe This Week

<http://chronicle.merit.edu/>

Excerpts from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, including a complete listing of hundreds of jobs in higher education. A new edition is available on the Internet beginning every Tuesday.

CommerceNet

<http://www.commerce.net/>

Contains directories of companies on the World Wide Web and pointers to their home pages.

EDGAR Project (S.E.C. Filings)

<http://town.hall.org/edgar/edgar.html>

Includes any 1994 filings to the Securities and Exchange Commission that are available to the public.

Nonprofit Organizations on the Internet

<http://www.ai.mit.edu/people/ellens/non.html>

Provides descriptions and links to nonprofit public-interest organizations who have Web, Gopher, or FTP presence on the Net. Also has links to other information related to public-interest groups and projects.

Physics E-Print Archive from Los Alamos National Laboratory

<http://xxx.lanl.gov/>

This is a world-renowned electronic preprint database for physics.

Yahoo

<http://www.yahoo.com>

Yahoo (Yet Another Hierarchical Official Oracle) is a very thorough Internet subject guide, and a popular starting point.

A Family's Perspective on History

Wallace Family Papers and Endowment

The University Libraries announce the establishment of the Wallace Family Endowment. In 1994, family member Donald Wallace donated \$5,000 for this endowment that supports the Wallace Family Collection and other local history collections in Special Collections and Archives. Since then, other family members and friends have contributed to the endowment in memory of Wallace family matriarch, Milly Bell Kiblinger Wallace, who passed away on June 15, 1994. It was Milly Wallace's effort and dedication that preserved this remarkable collection that dates from 1798, and it was her generous spirit that ensured that these records would be accessible to future generations of researchers and students. Milly donated a small portion of the collection in 1979, and the Wallace family donated the complete collection in 1991.

The Wallace Family Papers chronicle the history of four generations of this farming family from Clark County, Ohio during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The collection provides an almost continuous history of the Wallace family through letters, diaries, journals, financial records, photographs, newspaper clippings, and extensive files of genealogical information compiled by Milly Wallace. The collection covers the years 1798-1989 recorded through the perspective of those who lived it. This enterprising family included men and women from all walks of life including a Methodist circuit preacher, a member of the Ohio State Legislature, and several farmers, ranchers, and soldiers.

While many of the Wallaces resided in Ohio, other family members and friends traveled throughout the world. Their letters, journals, and diaries communicate the national and international interests and concerns of their ages. Letters from Fred Wallace from Camp Bushnell, Florida, tell of his experiences during the Spanish American War, 1898. There are also letters from Civil War soldier, William M. McKinney, 1861-1863. Other papers and photographs document the life of a Wyoming sheep herding rancher, John Alpha Kiblinger.

Thanks to the generosity and foresight of Milly Bell Kiblinger Wallace and the entire Wallace Family, this collection is accessible to the public. There are no restrictions on the use of this collection, which is an especially valuable collection for genealogists and historians. The Wallace Family Endowment will ensure that this collection is maintained and accessible to the public for generations to come.



Top: Milly Wallace's father, John Alpha Kiblinger, worked as a Wyoming sheep herder. He is pictured here in 1900.

Bottom: Four generations of women: Mathilda DeLong Spicer, Julia Spicer Parcells, Mamie Parcells Kiblinger, and Milly Kiblinger Wallace as a baby in 1903.

Staff Accomplishments

Dawne Dewey was elected to the Society of Ohio Archivists Council and presented "Disaster Planning Made Easy," at the Council's Spring Meeting in April.

Arnold Hirshon presented "Menage a Trois, or Bermuda Triangle? Strategic Alliances with Vendors, Information Providers, and Other Libraries for the 1990's" at the meeting in Providence of the ACRL New England Chapter.

Marty Jenkins presented "Using OCLC TECHPRO for Music Cataloging" in February before the Music OCLC Users Group and the Music Library Association.

Heather Martin was appointed to the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) Research and Publications Committee.

Sheila Shellabarger published a book review of *Reference Services Planning in the 90s*, in the April 1995 issue of Bulletin of the Medical Library Association. Sheila is also co-editor of the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) Newsletter.

Sarah Timmons was appointed to the Executive Board of the Ohio Health Sciences Library Association.

Pat Walker was appointed to a two-year appointment as the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) Liaison for State Government Affairs.

Jeffrey Wehmeyer published a book review with Enrique Pantoja of *Emergency Radiology: A Journal of Practical Imaging* in the March 1, 1995 issue of JAMA.

Maggie Yax presented "Dorothy Brower, Medical Illustrator," at the Ohio Academy of Medical History. Maggie has also been appointed to the Medical Library Association's Murray Gottlieb Award Jury.

Friends of the Libraries

Sixteenth Annual Luncheon

The Friends will hold their Sixteenth Annual Luncheon on **Wednesday, May 24, 1995** at 12:30 p.m. in the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library. This year's guest speaker is **Mr. Neal Loving**, author of *Loving's Love: A Black American's Experience in Aviation* (Smithsonian Institution Press, 1994). Mr. Loving's autobiography, *Loving's Love*, details his passion for aviation, his successful career as a pilot and an aeronautical engineer, and his experiences as an African-American and double amputee. Noted for his inspirational and motivating lectures, Mr. Loving has spoken at the National Air and Space Museum, the Roosevelt Institute of Rehabilitation, and many universities, colleges, and schools.

This event is open to the public. The Luncheon will be preceded by the Friends Annual Meeting at 12:00 p.m. The Luncheon price is \$13 for Friends members and \$15 for non-Friends members. Please call 873-2380 to make reservations.



WSU Student Employee of the Year

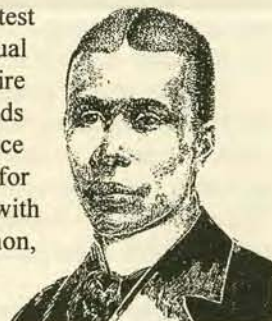
Congratulations to Glen Horton, who has been chosen as Wright State's Student Employee of the Year.

Glen will be honored at the Student Leader Reception on May 24th and presented with a plaque and a \$100 scholarship. He will also go on to a nationwide competition.

Glen is a junior at Wright State majoring in Computer Education. He has worked at the Libraries in Automation Services for three years. He has consistently provided the highest level of customer support, and he has been an invaluable member of the Automation Services team. Automation Services Department Head, Jeff Trzeciak, says of Glen, "All members of my staff have come to rely on him not only as a good student worker, but as a teacher."

Friends of the Libraries Sponsor the *Visions of Dunbar* Art Contest

The Wright State University Friends of the Libraries are sponsoring the Visions of Dunbar Art Contest commemorating the birthday of Dayton poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar. Entries are invited in all artistic, visual media, and should be inspired by his poetry, his influence, or his likeness. "We hope that this contest will inspire artists to portray in the visual arts what Dunbar communicated through his writing," says Crete Vandeval, Friends of the Libraries President. All entries are due by May 19, 1995, and winners will be announced on Paul Laurence Dunbar's Birthday, June 27, 1995. Winning entries will be retained by the Library and will remain available for display. "We are pleased that the Friends are supporting this endeavor to benefit the Library by providing us with artwork that will enhance our association with the Library's important namesake," notes Arnold Hirshon, University Librarian. A total of \$1,650 in prizes will be awarded in three categories: Kindergarten through 6th grade; 7th grade - 12th grade; and Adults (19 years or older). For more information, call 873-2380.



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